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Tax Deadline is April 17

Taxpayers have two extra days this month to file their income tax returns and pay any tax due.

Tuesday, April 17 is the deadline to file your 2011 tax returns and pay any tax due because April 15 falls on a Sunday and Emancipation Day, a holiday observed in the District of Columbia, falls this year on Monday, April 16. Because District of Columbia holidays affect federal tax deadlines in the same way as federal holidays, all taxpayers will have two extra days to file and pay this year.

To avoid confusion, the FTB is also observing the April 17 due date for those filing California state income taxes.

Requesting an extension to file

Taxpayers can obtain an automatic six-month extension of time to file their 2011 federal tax returns, if they act by April 17. Any taxpayer who requests an extension must file by October 15. However, requesting an extension only enables a taxpayer to delay the ultimate filing date. It does *not* delay the payment date. Any tax amounts due must be paid in full by Tuesday, April 17 to avoid a late payment or tax penalty.

The IRS provides three ways to request an automatic extension of time to file a U.S. individual income tax return:

- electronically file [Form 4868](#), *Application For Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Tax Return*;
- pay all or part of your estimate of income tax due using a credit or debit card; or
- file a paper Form 4868 by mail.

The FTB gives those paying state taxes an automatic filing extension through October 15, 2012. However, as with federal taxes, you must also pay any tax due by April 17, 2012. View the [FTB](#) website for more information.